# October 2024 Alta PTSA Hawk Heroes

#### Freshmen:

**Thomas de Lima Pepe –** Thomas was nominated by a teacher who said he is working hard to learn English and adjust to a new country, all the while making friends and bringing such a positive feeling to the classroom! Thank you to Thomas! You are one of the reasons Alta is great. Congratulations and we're thankful you are a Hawk!

**Charly Ballstaedt** – Congratulations to Charly! She was nominated by a teacher who said she is persevering in her math studies, while also helping multilingual students understand by translating for them without her teacher even asking. We are proud of your proactiveness, Charly! Your kindness makes a difference! We appreciate you being a Hawk!

### Sophomores:

**Nicholas Sims –** Nick was nominated by a faculty member who said Nick is the most conscientious student she has ever had. Though Spanish does not come as easily for him as some other students, he more than makes up for it with his work ethic. He consistently receives 100% because he works so diligently. He is consistently kind and thoughtful of others, even in the face of adversity. Congratulations Nick! We're grateful for students like you who take responsibility for their own learning, and are kind as well. You're setting the bar for students at Alta!

**Izzy Ragonese** – Izzy was nominated by a faculty member who said she is always willing to go above and beyond to help with all theatre activities and reach out to others to make them feel more comfortable. She is kind, outreaching, and a great representative for the school- she's the ideal Hawk Hero! Thank you, Izzy! We are so happy to present you with this award for your efforts to make Alta great!

#### Juniors:

**Donald Nguyen –** A faculty member nominated Donald as a Hawk Hero. She said, when another student was having a hard time, Donald volunteered to help her and show her how to get to her next class, which calmed her right down. He is always so kind to everyone around him. He's always engaged in his learning and a good friend to all. Great job Donald! Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. Thanks for helping to make Alta such a great place. Congratulations!

**Sam Wray** – Congratulations to Sam! He was nominated by a faculty member who said, "If you know Sam, you love Sam! He is a go-getter!! I have the opportunity to interact with Sam in class, as a student gov member, and as an officer of DECA. He is truly committed to making the most out of every high school experience! He wants everyone to be involved, feel included, and have fun! He wants every organization to be represented within our building! He is a hard worker! Creative! And a talented designer! He's a great representative of Alta!" Wow, thank you Sam! You make Alta better and we're so grateful you're a Hawk.

## **Seniors:**

**Matt McKea** – Matt was nominated by several faculty members who said Matt is a builder, kind and cheerful, with a positive attitude, and always lifting others up around him. Someone said "He's the kid you want your son or daughter around because of his amazing attitude, optimism and kindness." Someone else said one morning he left a kind note on her desk completely unexpectedly. It really made her day. Matt is known for saying hello to everyone. He tries to help students and teachers alike feel good about themselves. We are grateful someone like you is at Alta. Great job and thank you so much!

**Aubrey Carter** – Aubrey was nominated by a teacher who said Aubrey has been her student for two years, and this year she is also her TA. She helps answer questions from other students, she will show them how to do assignments and works really hard to perform above her duties as a TA. She takes on a peer tutor role and actively works to be kind and help others. She is an outstanding example of what it means to be a Hawk and works incredibly hard in all of her classes and beyond. Thank you, Aubrey! You represent Alta so well and we're grateful you're a Hawk.

# Congrats to our October PTSA Hawk Heroes!

Remember Alta Community, if you are interested in nominating a student for the Hawk Hero Award, please scan this QR code for online submissions. Thanks!